



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10**

1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900
Seattle, WA 98101-3140

OFFICE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL
CLEANUP

NOV 22 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Robert Cugini
President
Altino Properties
P.O. Box 359
Renton, Washington 98057

Ms. Georgia Baxter
J.H Baxter & Company
1700 El Camino Real
San Mateo, California 94402

Re: Quendall Terminals Superfund Site, Renton, WA

Dear Robert and Georgia,

I am writing in response to your letter of October 26, 2017, and to share my appreciation for our meeting of October 16, 2017, during which you provided me with your perspective on the Quendall Terminals Superfund Site cleanup and re-development.

EPA is taking under consideration your concerns as it moves forward. I can assure you that EPA's goal is to select and implement a CERCLA compliant remedy that facilitates future development of the Site. As I noted during our meeting, EPA has not yet identified a preferred remedial strategy for the Quendall Site and has not, contrary to concerns identified in your letter, identified STAR as a remedial technology that will be included in the remedial strategy. Consistent with Section 117(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9617(a), EPA will articulate its preferred remedial strategy in a proposed plan and the public will be provided an opportunity to comment on the preferred cleanup before EPA selects a remedy for the Site. In addition, in order to expedite Site cleanup and re-development, EPA is open to exploring the option of operable units such that upland remediation might precede sediment cleanup.

As noted above, EPA has not determined whether STAR should be included as a component of a preferred remedial strategy; however, EPA is evaluating whether to include STAR as a component of the proposed plan. We believe that STAR may be an effective technology for addressing upland contamination at the Site and may provide benefits to future development. EPA will perform a pilot project of this technology at the Site. We intend to complete the STAR pilot project before we begin drafting the proposed plan. The results of the pilot project will inform our evaluation of STAR as a component of a proposed plan for addressing Site contamination. EPA will also consider whether it should employ operable units and/or select interim or final remedies as part of the Site cleanup.

As you may be aware, Chris Hladlick was recently appointed the Regional Administrator for EPA Region 10. He will begin working at the Region in early December. I intend to brief him on the Quendall Site after he begins work with the Region.

I encourage you to continue coordinating your development efforts with our staff. We look forward to working with you as we move on to the next phase of the Site cleanup.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheryl Bilbrey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sheryl" and last name "Bilbrey" clearly distinguishable.

Sheryl Bilbrey
Director, Environmental Cleanup Office